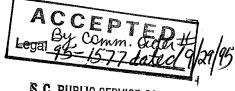
#### BEFORE THE

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. <u>95-1/7/</u>-S

APPLICATION



S. C. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
SEP 0 6 1995

In RE:	•
Application of Brookside Sewer	;
District for Increase of	,
Rates and Charges for Sewer Service	,
and for Establishment of Collection	,
Service-only Rate	,
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[10/3/95]]

- 1. Brookside Sewer District ("Brookside") hereby makes application under <u>S.C. Code Ann.</u>, §58-5-240 (1976) to the South Carolina Public Service Commission for an increase in existing rates and charges for sewer service and for the establishment of a collection service-only rate.
- 2. Applicant is a sewerage utility operating in the state of South Carolina and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission as to its rates and charges for sewerage utility service. Applicant is a sole proprietorship owned by Frank M. Nutt with its office in South Carolina, located at 4 Windmill Drive, Wellford, South Carolina 29385.
- 3. All correspondence or communication concerning this application should be addressed to the following persons:

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Frank M. Nutt, P.E. **Brookside Sewer District**4 Windmill Dr.

Wellford, SC 29385

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4. The following information is provided pursuant to <u>S.C. Code Ann.</u>, §58-5-240(1976) and R. 103-512 and 103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

#### a. A statement of reason justifying need for proposed rate adjustment:

Brookside Sewer District last received a rate increase in 1988. See Commission Docket No. 87-81-S, Order No. 88-738, attached as Exhibit 1. At that time, residential sewerage rates were set at a flat monthly rate of \$13.50 per Single Family Equivalent ("SFE"). This rate resulted in an operating margin in 1988 of 50.85%. Since Brookside was (and still is) a sole proprietorship, the \$34,557 in income allowed by the Commission through those rates served as the annual salary of Brookside's owner, Frank Nutt. The Commission properly took notice of this fact in finding that a 50.85% operating margin was in the public interest.

Because of increases in expenses which have occurred since the 1988 rate order, Brookside's operating margin has decreased from 50.85% to 10.78%. This increase in costs has resulted in a dramatic reduction in profit (and the annual salary of Frank Nutt) to only \$16,408. Brookside is proposing rates which will restore the operating margin of 50.85% which was found by the Commission to be a fair operating margin in Order No. 88-738.

In this rate proceeding, Brookside is proposing a modest increase in its existing full treatment and collection service rate. In addition, Brookside is requesting that the Commission establish a collection service-only rate.

Treatment and collection: Brookside proposes a monthly rate of \$23.63 per SFE for treatment and collection. This rate restores Brookside to its previously approved operating margin of 50.85% and is fully justified by the pro-forma income statement attached as Exhibit 4. This rate compares favorably with other flat-rate charges approved within the last five years by the Commission. See Exhibit 2, attached, setting forth currently approved sewerage rates approved by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

Since its rates were last set in 1988, Brookside has experienced substantial increases in operating expenses such as purchased water, property taxes, treatment chemicals, communications, materials and supplies, field service operations, and other operating expenses.

The proposed rates are absolutely necessary in order for Brookside to maintain a high quality of service to its customers. If the current economic situation of Brookside should continue, it will be impossible to maintain an adequate level of customer service and satisfaction.

Brookside needs this proposed rate increase in order to earn a reasonable profit on its operations and a fair and reasonable return which is necessary in order to maintain the financial integrity of the company.

<u>Collection service-only rate</u>: Brookside is proposing a collection service-only rate of \$16.82 per month per SFE. This monthly charge will go towards Brookside's costs for maintaining the sewage infrastructure within its service area, for billing and collection costs, bad debt write-off, and other administrative expenses. The appropriate rate for this collection service-only fee was calculated by subtracting all expenses relating to waste treatment from Brookside's income statement. The rate compares favorably with other collection service-only rates approved by this Commission (See Docket No. 93-838-W/S, Order No. 94-484, where this Commission approved a collection service-only rate for Carolina Water Service of \$18 per SFE). A copy of the approved rate schedule for CWS is attached as Exhibit 3.

If and when Brookside provides collection service-only to its customers, it will purchase sewerage treatment in bulk from a regional facility and will pass these bulk treatment costs through to these customers without markup on a pro-rata basis. Based upon current average daily flow from Brookside's existing customers, and the currently available bulk treatment rate from the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District, Brookside's customers would pay a total sewerage rate of approximately \$23.20 under this proposed arrangement.

- b. <u>Most current available income and expense statement for the preceding twelve</u> months. (Test year). See Exhibit 4, attached.
- c. <u>Proposed rate schedule</u>.

The proposed sewerage rates are included in Exhibit 5.

d. Test year proposed to be used.

Brookside proposes the test year to be the twelve months ended December 31, 1994.

e. <u>Proforma income and expense statement using proposed rates applied to proposed test year.</u>

The proforma income and expense statements are included in Exhibit 4. The cost justification for the proposed collection service-only rate is set forth in Exhibit 6.

The pro forma adjustments reflect only those costs that could readily be

quantified. A number of other costs have increased due to increased prices. However, these other increased costs have not been added to the pro forma expenses for this rate case because of the difficulty in accurately quantifying these expenses.

#### f. Balance sheet.

The Applicant is a sole proprietorship and, consequently, has no balance sheet.

g. <u>Depreciation schedule by categories of plant or average service lines.</u>

All assets of Brookside are fully depreciated.

h. Number of present and expected customers in the following twelve months.

End of test year customers - 420. Expected customers at the end of twelve months - 420. Brookside has experienced no growth in the last several years, and anticipates no growth in the immediate future.

i. Cost justification for proposed rates and charges.

Refer to Exhibits 4, 5 and 6 for cost justification for proposed sewerage rates and charges.

j. <u>Filing or upgrading performance bond.</u>

Performance bond in amount of \$30,000 is on file with this Commission. Applicant wishes to continue this performance bond, and will submit the appropriate financial statements prior to hearing.

k. <u>Current or updated service area map.</u>

Service area maps are already on file with this Commission.

1. <u>Statement of total plant investment by categories.</u>

All assets of Brookside are fully depreciated.

m. <u>Most recent letters of approval from the Department of Health and Environmental Control.</u>

The Applicant requests that this requirement be waived by the Commission.

#### n. Operating margins.

The operating margins resulting from the proposed and current rates are calculated on Exhibit 7.

#### o. Customer bill form.

The customer bill form is attached as Exhibit 8.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant, Brookside Sewer District prays that the Commission inquire into the matter set forth herein and approve the proposed rates and charges as set forth in Exhibit 5, to be fair and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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7. Beach

This 6th day of September, 1995 Columbia, South Carolina BEFORE

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 87-81-S - ORDER NO. 88-738

JULY 26, 1988

IN RE: Application of Brookside Sewer
District for approval of new
schedules of rates and charges
for sewer service provided to
its customers in its service area
in Spartanburg County, South
Carolina.

ORDER APPROVING RATES AND CHARGES

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I.

#### INTRODUCTION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an Application filed on February 16, 1988, by Brookside Sewer District (the Company) whereby the Company seeks approval of new schedule of rates and charges for sewer service to its customers in its certified service area. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Section 58-5-240(1976), as amended, and R.103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

By letter dated February 24, 1988, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to cause to be published a prepared Notice of Filing, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Company's Application. The Notice of Filing was likewise published in the State Register, Vol. 12, Issue No. 5, dated May 27, 1988. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's applica-

tion and advised all interested parties desiring participation in the scheduled proceeding of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings. The Company was likewise required to notify directly all customers affected by the proposed rates and charges.

The Commission Staff made on-site investigations of the Company's facilities, audited the Company's books and records, and gathered other detailed information concerning the Company's operations.

A public hearing relative to the matters asserted in the Company's application was commenced in the Offices of the Commission on June 21, 1988 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. Pursuant to Section 58-3-95, S.C. Code of Laws (1976), as amended, a panel of three members composed of Fred A. Fuller, Jr., presiding, and Commissioners Butler and Frazier, was designated to hear and rule on this matter. William E. Booth, III, Esquire, represented the Company; and Marsha A. Ward, Assistant General Counsel, represented the Commission Staff. No one appeared in opposition to the Company's Application

The Company presented the testimony of Frank M. Nutt, its owner and sole proprietor, to explain the services being provided by the Company and the reasons for the requested rate increase. The Commission Staff presented Sharon G. Scott, Public Utilities Accountant, and Fred E. Brock, Public Utilities Rate Analyst, to report Staff's findings and recommendations.

II.

#### JURISDICTION

S. C. Code Ann., Section 58-5-290 (1976) vests this Commission with the authority to change the rates of a "public utility" whenever the Commission finds, after hearing, that such rates are "unjust, unreasonable, noncompensatory, inadequate, discriminatory or in any wise in violation of any provision of law." A public utility is defined by S. C. Code Ann., Section 58-5-10(3) (1976) as including "every corporation and person furnishing or supplying in any manner, gas, heat (other than by means of electricity), water, sewerage collection, sewerage disposal and street railway service, or any of them, to the public, or any portion thereof, for compensation." Section 58-5-290 also provides that when the Commission determines that a utility's rates are unlawful, the Commission shall determine and fix by order the "just and reasonable" rates to be thereafter charged by the public utility. The Commission finds and concludes in this proceeding that the Company is a public utility under the provisions of S. C. Code Ann., Section 58-5-10(3) (1976).

#### III.

#### RATEMAKING METHODOLOGY

Under the quidelines established in the decisions of Bluefield Water Works and Improvement Co. v. Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 262 U.S. 679 (1923), and Federal Power Commission v. Hope Natural Gas Co., 320 U.S. 591 (1944), this Commission does not insure through regulation that a utility will produce net revenues. As the United States Supreme Court noted in the Hope Natural Gas decision, supra, the utility "has no constitutional rights to profits such as are realized or anticipated in highly profitable enterprises or speculative ventures." However, employing fair and enlightened judgment and giving consideration to all relevant facts, the Commission should establish rates which will produce revenues "sufficient to assure confidence in the financial soundness of the utility and...that are adequate under efficient and economical management, to maintain and support its credit and enable it to raise the money necessary for the proper discharge of its public duties." Bluefield, supra, at 692-693.

Neither S. C. Code Ann., Section 58-5-290 (1976), nor any other statute prescribes a particular method to be utilized by the Commission to determine the lawfulness of the rates of a public utility. For ratemaking purposes, this Commission examines the relationships between expenses, revenues and investment in a historic test period because such examination

provides a constant and reliable factor upon which calculation can be made to formulate the basis for determining just and reasonable rates. This method was recognized and approved by the Supreme Court for ratemaking purposes involving telephone companies in Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. v. The Public Service Commission of S. C., 270 S.C. 590, 244 S.E. 2d 278 (1978).

The historic test period generally utilized is the most recent twelve-month period for which reasonably complete financial data is available, and is referred to as the "test year" period. In this proceeding, the Commission concludes that the twelve-month period ending December 31, 1987, should be used as the test year. This Commission allows certain accounting and pro forma adjustments to be made to the actual test year figures. Adjustments are made for (1) items occurring in the test year but which are not subject to recur in the future; (2) items of an extraordinary nature whose effects must be annualized or normalized to reflect properly their impact; and (3) other items which should be included or excluded for ratemaking purposes. Adjustments are also made for "known and measurable changes" in expenses, revenues and investments occurring after the test year. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., v. Public Service Commission, 270 S.C. 590, 244 S.E. 2d 278 (1978).

For sewerage utilities, where the utility's rate base has been substantially reduced by customer donations, tap fees,

contributions in aid of construction and book value in excess of investment the utility may request, or the Commission may decide, to use the "operating ratio" and/or "operating margin" as guides in determining just and reasonable rates, instead of examining the utility's return on its rate base. The operating ratio is the percentage obtained by dividing total operating expenses by operating revenues. The obverse side of this calculation, the operating margin, is determined by dividing net operating income for return by the total operating revenues of the utility.

In this proceeding, the Commission will use the operating margin as a guide in determining the lawfulness of the Company's proposed rates and if necessary, the fixing of just and reasonable rates. This method was recognized as an acceptable guide for ratemaking purposes in <a href="Patton v. South Carolina Public">Patton v. South Carolina Public</a> Service Commission, 280 S.C. 288, 312 SE 2d 257 (1984).

IV.

#### ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS

The Company and the Staff proposed adjustments to revenues and expenses in their presentation. Company witness Nutt accepted the adjustments made by the Staff for the purposes of this proceeding.

The Staff made ten (10) accounting and pro forma adjustments of a standard ratemaking nature. Staff did include additional Regulatory Commission expenses incurred by the Company as of the time of the hearing. See, Hearing Exhibit No. 1. The Commission

finds and concludes that the Staff's adjustments to revenue and expenses in this proceeding are proper and necessary, and are adopted for the reasons given by the Staff.

VI.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The following Table indicates the Company's gross revenues for the test year, after accounting and <u>proforma</u> adjustments under the presently approved schedules; the Company's operating expenses for the test year after accounting and <u>proforma</u> adjustments; and the operating margin under the presently approved schedules for the test year:

#### TABLE A

Operating Revenues	\$ 54,395
Operating Expenses	29,403
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 24,992
Add: Customer Growth	-0-
Total Income for Return (Loss)	\$ 24,992
Operating Margin	44.83%

The following Table shows the effect of the Company's proposed rate schedule, after accounting and <u>pro</u> <u>forma</u> adjustments approved herein:

#### TABLE B

Operating Revenues	\$	79,120
Operating Expenses		34,815
Net Operating Income	\$_	44,305
Add: Customer Growth		-0-
Total Income for Return	\$_	44,305
Operating Margin		55.23%

The Commission is mindful of those standards delineated in the <u>Bluefield</u> decision, <u>supra</u>, and of the balance between the respective interest of the Company and of the consumer. The Commission has considered the spectrum of relevant factors in this proceeding, the revenue requirements for the Company, the proposed price for which the Company's service is rendered, the quality of that service, and the effect of the proposal upon the consumer, among others.

The three fundamental criteria of a sound rate structure have been characterized as follows:

...(a) the revenue-requirement or financial-need objective, which takes the form of a fair-return standard with respect to private utility companies; (b) the fair-cost apportionment objective which invokes the principle that the burden of meeting total revenue requirements must be distributed fairly among the beneficiaries of the service; and (c) the optimum-use or consumer rationing under which the rates are designed to discourage the wasteful use of public utility services while promoting all use that is economically justified in view of the relationships between costs incurred and benefits received.

Bonbright, Principles of Public Utility Rates (1961), p. 292.

The magnitude of the proposed increase from \$11.00 per month to \$16.00 per month, or 45.45%, causes the Commission to closely examine the requested monthly rate to determine whether the Company has adequately justified such. With the perspective afforded by the revenue results of the proposed increase in rates, depicted in Table B, supra, the Commission has determined

that the proposed schedules of rates designed to produce those revenues are unjust and unreasonable as producing excessive revenues.

Upon this finding it is incumbent upon the Commission to approve rates which are just and reasonable, not only producing revenues and an operating margin within a reasonable range, but which also distribute fairly the revenue requirements, considering the price for which the Company's service is rendered and the quality of that service. In light of those factors and based upon the record in the instant proceeding, the Commission concludes that a fair operating margin that the Company should have an opportunity to earn is 50.85%, which requires annual operating revenues of \$66,75%. The following table reflects an operating margin of 50.85%:

#### TABLE C

Operating Revenues	\$ 66,758
Operating Expenses	32,201
Net Operating Income	\$ 34,557
Add: Customer Growth	-0-
Total Income for Return	\$ 34,557
Operating Margin	50.85%

It should be noted that the operating margin of 50.85% and the resultant net operating income of \$34,557 do not include any compensation to Mr. Nutt for his time spent on utility matters. As sole proprietor, Mr. Nutt does not pay himself a salary,

rather his compensation is the operating income of the Company.

While an operating margin of 50.85% may seem excessive, it is not unreasonable in light of the circumstances.

The required annual operating revenues of \$66,758 are obtained by reducing the proposed monthly residential sewer rate of \$16.00 to \$13.50. The Commission finds that the proposed new customer set-up charge of \$10.00 and notification of disconnection charge of \$6.00 are reasonable.

The Commission has developed a schedule of rates and charges, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference herein, to apply to the sewer service provided by the Company.

The Commission finds and concludes that the rates and charges approved herein achieve a balance between the interest of the Company and those of its affected customers. This results in a reasonable attainment of our ratemaking objectives in light of applicable statutory safeguards.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the proposed schedule of rates and charges by the Company are hereby found to be unreasonable and are denied.
- 2. That the schedule of rates and charges attached hereto as Appendix A, be, and hereby are, approved for service rendered on or after the date of this Order, and that these schedules be, and are hereby, deemed to be filed with the Commission pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240 (1976).

- 3. That should such schedule not be placed in effect within three (3) months of the effective date of this Order, such schedule as contained herein shall not be charged without written permission from the Commission.
- 4. That the Company shall maintain its books and records for its sewer operations in accordance with the NARUC Uniform System of Accounts for Class C Sewer Utilities, as adopted by this Commission.
- 5. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

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ATTEST:

executive pirector

(SEAL)

### LACOKSIDE SEWER DISTRICT

DOCKET NO. 87-81-S - ORDER NO. 88-738
JULY 26, 1988
APPENDIX A

#### RESIDENTIAL SEWER SERVICE

Type of Residence	Monthly Service Charge
Single Family	\$ 13.50
Single Family Mobile Home	\$ 13.50
New Customer Set-up	\$ 10.00
Notification of Disconnection	\$ 6.00

## B. Section 62-5-420 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"Section 62-5-420. The appointment of a conservator vests in him title as trustee to all property of the protected person, presently held or thereafter acquired, including title to any property theretofore held for the protected person by custodians or actorneys in fact. The Neither the appointment of a conservator nor the establishment of a trust in accordance with Title 44. Chapter 5. Article 6. is not a transfer or alienation within the meaning of general provisions of any federal or state statute or regulation, insurance policy, pension plan, contract, will, or trust instrument, imposing restrictions upon or penalties for transfer or alienation by the protected person of his rights or interest, but this section does not restrict the ability of persons to make specific provision by contract or dispositive instrument relating to a conservator."

- C. This section does not apply if federal funds are not available for persons who would qualify for Medicaid as a result of a trust that meets the criteria set forth in Section 44-6-720.
- D. This section takes effect July 1, 1993, and applies to a trust established for or transfer of resources made by or for a protected person applying for or receiving Medicaid for nursing home care pursuant to state and federal law after June 30, 1993; except that a trust created before July 1, 1993, which does not comply with this section may be modified to comply with this section no later than January 1, 1994.

#### SECTION 75

TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-120 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO COLLECT A FEE, ESTABLISHED ANNUALLY IN THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FROM PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS, TO CREATE A SAFE DRINKING WATER FUND IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR DEPOSIT OF THESE FUNDS, TO ESTABLISH A SAFE DRINKING WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE FEES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO DEMY A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT OR REVOKE AN OPERATING PERMIT IF THE ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT IS NOT DEMONSTRATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE A WATER SYSTEM TO INCREASE SERVICE CONNECTION COSTS FOR THE ACTUAL COST OF THE FEE WITHOUT OBTAINING APPROVAL.

### A. The 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section 44-55-120. (A) In order to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, in addition to other fees authorized under this article, the department is authorized to collect an annual fee, which must be established annually in the general appropriations act, from each public drinking water system.

(B) There is established in the treasurer s office a separate account entitled the Safe Drinking Water Pund. The fees collected from the public water systems pursuant to this section must be deposited in this fund and must be provided to the department

solely for purposes of implementing the federal Safe Drinking Water

- There is established a Safe Drinking Water Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the department and General Assembly on the use of revenues deposited in the Safe Drinking Water Fund. The Governor shall appoint the advisory committee which must be composed of one member representing water systems with fifty thousand or more service connections, one member representing water systems with at least twenty-five thousand but fewer than fifty thousand service connections, one representing water systems with at least ten thousand but fewer twenty-five thousand water connections, one representing water systems with at least one thousand but fewer than ten thousand service connections, one member representing water systems with fewer than one thousand service connections, and the State Consumer Advocate and the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, or a designee.
- (D) The department may deny a construction permit to any new system which is unable to demonstrate viability to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act or where connection to an existing, viable water system is feasible. The department also may revoke or deny renewal of an operating permit to any existing water system which is unable to demonstrate its ability to continue compliance with this act.
- A water system may increase water rates to each service connection by an amount necessary to recover the cost of the safe drinking water fee without seeking approval of the public service The total funds generated from rate increases to commission. service connections for the purpose of paying the safe drinking water fee may not exceed the cost of the fee established in the General Appropriations Act. "
- This section takes effect July 1, 1993. В.

SECTION 76 (DELETED) CHANGE NAME OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION

#### SECTION 77

TO AMEND ACT 1377 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SO AS TO REVISE EXISTING BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND THE LOCATION OF THE REGIONAL RECEPTION AND EVALUATION CENTERS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS -OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF ALEXANDER S. VS. KCLAMHORN.

Sub-subitem (a) of subitem (22) of Section 3 of Act 1377 of 1968, as added by Section 1, Act 522 of 1992, is amended to read:

1(a) Replacement Facility <del>----9,960,961</del>\*

71-3 - 3 - 20 - 20 Parts Subitem (22) of Section 3 of Act 1377 of 1968, as added by Section 1, Act 522 of 1992, is amended by adding:

# TES SET BY STATUTE

# SYSTEM SIZE [# SERVICE CONNECTIONS]

# 2-14 15-50 51-100 101-500 501-1000 1001-5000 5001-10000 10001-25000 25001-50000 50000-UP

17.

# SYSTEM FEE

\$500.00
\$800.00
\$1,500.00
\$4,000.00
\$8,000.00
\$15,000.00
\$18,000.00
\$20,000.00
\$30,000.00
\$40,000 00

AVERAGE BILL AND SEWER RATES REVISED (BOB BURGESS) - 8-1-94

(WHEN NOT FLAT RATE, BASED ON AN AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF 6300 GALLONS)

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE RATE SCHEDULE SEE RATE BOOK

# SEVER RATES APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

		COMPANY	AVERAGE BILL	BASIC CHARGE	INCLUDED IN BASIC	CHARGE	APPROVED
	1	UNITED UTILITY COMPANIES, INC.	(\$) \$29.00	(\$) FLAT RATE	(gallons)	(\$)	(order) 7/90
		CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC.	\$29.00	FLAT RATE			6/94
		CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC.	\$26.00	FLAT RATE	•		6/94
	,	(RIVERHILLS)	•				
	4	DRIFTWOOD DEVELOPERS	\$25.00	FLAT RATE			11/92
		HEATER OF SEABROOK	\$25.00	FLAT RATE			12/92
	6	TEGA CAY WATER CO.	\$25.00	FLAT RATE			8/93
	7	NORTH COUNTY SER. CO. INC.	\$25.00	FLAT RATE			7/91
		CUC, INC.	\$24.33	\$13.50	(2,500)	\$2.85	2/92
		SOUTH CAROLINA UTILITIES, INC.	\$23.50	FLAT RATE	<b>45.000</b>	41 00	3/91
		CAPITAL UTILITIES CORPORATION	\$23.24	\$22.20	(5,000)	\$1.80	6/83
		HILTON HEAD PLANTATION UTI. INC.		FLAT RATE			4/94
		KIAWAH ISLAND UTILITY, INC.	•	FLAT RATE			12/92 6/93
		POINT SOUTH WATER & SEWER, INC.	•	FLAT RATE			2/92
		HIDLANDS UTILITY, INC.	\$21.04 \$20.00	FLAT RATE			5/91
		FRIPP ISLAND SEWER SYSTEM, INC. PH UTILITIES INC.	\$20.00	FLAT RATE			6/94
		YORK COUNTY UTILITIES	\$20.00	FLAT RATE			12/90
		WILDEWOOD UTILITIES, INC.	\$19.50	FLAT RATE			9/90
		SHEARWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$18.27	2.50	(1,000)	\$2.98	9/92
		AGI/PLEASANT POINT PLANTATION U.	•	FLAT RATE	•	:	10/92
		SHOALS SEVER COMPANY	\$18.00	FLAT RATE			10/89
		HERITAGE UTILITIES, INC.	\$18.00	\$18.00	(10,000)	\$2.00	6/85
		PALMETTO UT. OF SPARTANBURG, INC.		FLAT RATE	•		1/89
		VALHALLA COMPANY	\$17.50	FLAT RATE			1/90
	25	MADERA UTILITIES, INC.	\$17.50	FLAT RATE			1/90
) <u> </u>	26	QUAIL HOLLOW COMPANY	\$17.00	FLAT RATE			6/88
		RIVER PINES WATER SYSTEM, INC.	\$16.10	FLAT RATE			3/88
		BLUE RIBBON WATER CORPORATION	\$16.00	FLAT RATE			1/91
		LAKE WYLIE COMMUNITY UTILITIES	\$10.00	FLAT RATE			3/82
		PINEBROOK OF SPARTANBURG	\$15.80		•	00 PER U	NIT(750) 5/94
		WOODLAND UTILITIES, INC.	\$15.00	FLAT RATE			11/91
		HARTWELL UTILITIES, INC.	\$15.00	FLAT RATE			3/92
	33	PINEY GROVE (LLOYDWOOD)	\$15.00	FLAT RATE			2/92
	٠,	(FRANKLIN PK. UNTIL JAN.24,1993)		FLAT RATE \$15.00		¢ 06	2/92
		MELROSE UTILITY CO., INC.	\$15.00 \$15.00	FLAT RATE	(7,500)	\$ .96	9/87 6/88
		MID SOUTH	\$15.00	\$15.00	(7 <b>,</b> 500)	\$.96	5/88
		HAIG POINT UTILITY CO., INC. PIER 96 ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$15.00	FLAT RATE	• •	Ų . JU	6/89
		J. C. COX UTILITIES, INC.	\$14.85	FLAT RATE			4/87
		RIBAUT INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.	\$14.00	FLAT RATE			3/87
		LONG COVE CLUB UTILITIES, INC.	\$14.00	FLAT RATE			3/86
		BROOKSIDE SEVER DISTRICT	\$13.50	FLAT RATE			7/88
		ALPINE UTILITIES, INC.	\$13.50	FLAT RATE	3		9/88

AVERAGE BILL AND SEVER RATES

REVISED (BOB BURGESS) - 8-1-94

(WHEN NOT FLAT RATE, BASED ON AN AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF 6300 GALLONS)

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE RATE SCHEDULE SEE RATE BOOK

	COMPANY	AVERAGE	BASIC	INCLUDED	COMMODITY	DATE
		BILL	CHARGE	IN BASIC	CHARGE	APPROVED
43	PLANTATION UTILITIES, INC.	\$13.30	\$12.00	(5,000)	\$1.00	5/83
44	COASTAL UTILITY, INC.	\$13.30	\$12.00	(5,000)	\$1.00	1/84
	UTILITIES, INC.	\$13.00				3/84
46	LAKEWOOD UTILITIES, INC.	\$13.00	FLAT RATE			4/83
47	OCEAN LAKES UTILITY, L. P.	\$12.66	\$ 3.27		\$1.49	12/93
	STARTEX UTILITY SYSTEMS, INC.		\$ 5.50	(2,500)	\$1.80	1/91
49	WARNER WATER WORKS (RURAL WATER)	\$12.00	FLAT RATE			9/83
50	RURAL WATER INC.	\$12.00	FLAT RATE			9/92
51	LOCKHART POWER COMPANY	\$10.68	\$ 5.00	(2,000)	\$1.38	11/89
52	TERRACEWAY SERVICE COMPANY, INC.	\$10.50	FLAT RATE			6/84
53	LEESBURG UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.	\$10.00	FLAT RATE			2/81
54	SWAMP FOX UTILITIES, INC.	\$10.00	FLAT RATE			3/82
	AAA UTILITIES, INC.	\$10.00	FLAT RATE			6/86
56	BUSH RIVER UTILITIES, INC.		FLAT RATE			10/87
		\$10.00				9/82
	DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.		FLAT RATE			9/87
	GATEWOOD TREATMENT PLANT					6/82
	NORTHFALL ACRES (RURAL WATER)					11/86
61	GRANITEVILLE COMPANY NORTH INLET CORP DEBORDIEL	\$ 7.52	\$ 2.05		\$ .869	1/80
		\$ 7.47	\$ 4.50	(3,000)	\$.90	8/75
	WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION(RURAL WATER		FLAT RATE			2/96
64	PARIS MOUNTAIN UTILITIES	\$ 4.35	\$ 2.50	(3,700)	\$ .71	6/83
	HARKEN UTILITY SERVICE, INC.	\$ 3.50	FLAT RATE			1/72
	MOUNTAIN BAY ESTATES		FLAT RATE			7,/77
67	JACKSON HILLS	\$ 2.50	FLAT RATE			1/71
68	AUGUSTA FIELDS	\$ 1.00	FLAT RATE			4/70

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#### SCHEDULE RATES AND CHARGES SEWER

#### 1. Monthly Charges

Residential - monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit:

\$29.00 per unit

Mobile Homes - monthly charge:

\$21.75 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge:

\$29.00 per SFE\*

#### Riverhills

Residential - monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit:

\$26.00 per unit

Mobile Homes - monthly charge:

\$19.50 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge:

\$26.00 per SFE\*

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

#### Charge for Sewage Collection Service Only

When sewage is collected by the Utility and transferred to a government body or agency, or other entity, for treatment, the Utility's rates are as follows:

Residential - monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, or apartment unit

\$18.00 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge per single-family equivalent

\$18.00 per SFE\*

#### Riverhills

Residential - monthly charge per single-family house, condominium, or apartment unit

\$15.00 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge per single-family equivalent

\$15.00 per SFE\*

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The Utility will also charge for treatment services provided by the government body or agency, or other entity. The rates imposed or charged by the government body or agency, or other entity providing treatment will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup. Where the Utility is required under the terms of the 201/208 Plan to interconnect to the sewage treatment system of a government body of agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

Solids Interceptor Tanks
For all customers receiving sewage collection service through an approved solids interceptor tank, the following additional charges shall apply.

Pumping Charge
At such time as the Utility determines through
its inspection that excessive solids have accumulated in the
interceptor tank, the Utility will arrange for pumping the tank
and will include \$120.00 as a separate item in the next regular
billing to the customer.

Pump Repair or Replacement Charge
If a separate pump is required to transport the customer's sewage from solids interceptor tank to the Utility's sewage collection system, the Utility will arrange to have this pump repaired or replaced as required and will include the cost of such repair or replacement and may be paid for over a one year period.

Visual Inspection Port
In order for a customer who uses a solids interceptor tank to receive sewage service from the Utility or to continue to receive such service, the customer shall install at the customer's expense a visual inspection port which will allow for observation of the contents of the solids interceptor tank and extraction of test samples therefrom. Failure to provide such a visual inspection port after timely notice of not less than thirty (30) days shall be just cause for interruption of service until a visual inspection port has been installed.

#### Nonrecurring Charges

- A) Sewer Service Connection (New connections only) \$300 per SFE\*
- B) Plant Impact Fee (New connections only) \$400 per SFE\*

#### Riverhills

- A) Sewer Service Connection (New connections only) \$100 per SFE\*
- B) Plant Impact Fee (New connections only) \$400 per SFE\*

The nonrecurring charges listed above are minimum charges and apply even if the equivalency rating of a non residential customer is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating of a non residential customer is greater than one (1), then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

#### 3. Notification, Account Set-Up and Reconnection Charges

a. Notification Fee
A fee of five dollars (\$4.00) shall be charged each customer to
whom the Utility mails the notice as required by Commission
Rule R. 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This
fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of
such notices to the customers creating the cost.

b. Customer Account Charge - for new customers only.

Glen Village \$20.00 All Others \$27.00

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service. This charge will be waived if the customer also takes water service.

c. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in Commission Rule R.103-532.4. Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a reconnection charge of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall be due. Customers who ask to be reconnected within nine months of disconnections will be charged the monthly service charge for the service period they were disconnected.

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#### 4. Billing Cycle

Recurring charges will be billed bimonthly in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

#### 5. Tax Multiplier

Except as otherwise provided by contract approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission, amounts paid or transferred to the Utility by customers, builders, developers or others, either in the form of cash or property, shall be increased by a cash payment in an amount equal to the income taxes owed on the cash or property transferred to the Utility by customers, builders, developers, or others and properly classified as a contribution or advance in aid of construction in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts. Included in this classification are sewer service connection charges and plant impact fees.

#### 6. Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines

The Utility will not accept or treat any substance or material that has been defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control ("DHEC") as a toxic pollutant, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance, including pollutants falling within the provisions of 40 CFR \$129.4 and 401.15. Additionally, pollutants or pollutant properties subject to 40 CFR \$403.5 and 403.6 are to be processed according to the pretreatment standards applicable to such pollutants or pollutant properties, and such standards constitute the Utility's minimum pretreatment standards. person or entity introducing any such prohibited or untreated. materials into the Company's sewer system may have service interrupted without notice until such discharges cease, and shall be liable to the Utility for all damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Utility as a result thereof.

#### 7. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into one of its sewer systems. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to an

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appropriate connection point, to pay the appropriate fees and charges set forth in this rate schedule and to comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service, unless treatment capacity is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department or Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has restricted the Utility from adding for any reason additional customers to the serving sewer system.

In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional wastewater treatment capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding wastewater treatment capacity to the affected sewer system.

\* A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loading for Wastewater Treatment--1990. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

#### TREATMENT AND COLLECTION

BROOKSIDE SEWER DISTRICT PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT TEST YEAR ENDED 12/31/94	PEF BOO	R OKS	ACTUA PROFC ADJUS		AS <u>A</u> E	S DJUSTED	PRC	ECT OF PPOSED REASE	ΑF	TAL TER CREASE
REVENUES: Sewer Treatment Revenues	\$	65,138			\$	65,138	\$	53,934	\$	119,072
Total	\$	65,138			\$	65,138	<b>\$</b>	53,934 ======	\$	119,072
EXPENSE: Transportation and Equipment Operation	\$	5,768			\$	5,768			\$	5,768
Collection Lines Billing Maintenance/Repairs Other		1,270 1,381 970				1,270 1,381 970				1,270 1,381 970
Total Collection Lines	\$	3,621			\$	3,621			\$	3,621
Plant Chemicals and other misc. Maintenance/Repair Testing Water Gas/Electricity	\$	297 9,913 4,986 366 4513			\$	297 9,913 4,986 366 4513	• •		\$	297 9,913 4,986 366 4513
Total Plant	\$	20,075			\$	20,075			\$	20,075
Salaries and Wages Pensions and Other Employment Benefits Dues and Subscriptions Insurance Licenses and Permits Postage and Delivery Accounting Regulatory Commission Expense	\$	10 587 600 119 2,400	\$	1,200 [1] 2,000 [2]	\$	10 587 600 119 3,600 2,000			\$	10 587 600 119 3,600 2,000
Taxes Property Taxes Income Taxes - State Income Taxes - Federal	\$	135	\$	2,251 [3] 11,577 [4]	\$	135 2,251 11,577			\$	135 2,251 11,577
Total Taxes	\$	135	\$	13,828	\$	13,963			\$	13,963
Utilities and Insurance - office Rent - Office			\$	4,450 [5] 3,900 [6]	\$	4,450 3,900			\$	4,450 3,900
Total Operating Expense	\$	33,315	\$	25,378	\$	58,693			\$	58,693
NET OPERATING INCOME BEFORE INTEREST	\$	31,823 ======	\$	(25,378)	\$	6,445 ======	.\$	53,934 =======	\$	60,379
OTHER INCOME: Interest Income	\$	334			\$	334		4	\$	334
Total Other Income	\$	334			\$	334			\$	334
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$	32,157	\$	(25,378)	\$	6,779	\$	53,934 =======	\$	60,713

#### BROOKSIDE SEWER DISTRICT EXPLANATION OF PROFORMA ADJUSTMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

- (1) Accounting has been adjusted to reflect a pro-rata portion of the accounting charges paid by the owner of Brookside for accounting services, a portion of which relate directly to bookkeeping and income tax preparation for the utility.
- (2) <u>Regulatory Commission Expense</u> has been adjusted to include the costs expected to be incurred as a result of the rate case proceeding. A three year amortization period has been applied to the current rate case.
- (3, 4) <u>State and Federal Income Taxes</u> (Treatment and Collection) have been adjusted for the effects of the proforma level of revenues at the current statutory state and federal income tax rates of 7% and 36%, respectively.
- (5) <u>Utilities and Insurance Office</u> has been adjusted to reflect the appropriate annual level of utility and insurance expenses of shared office resources, based upon a reasonable pro rata protion of those resources devoted to the Utility.
- (6) Rent Office has been adjusted to reflect the appropriate annual level of expense of shared office space, based upon a reasonable pro rata portion of those resources devoted to the Utility.
- (7, 8) <u>State and Federal Income Taxes</u> (Collection Services Only) have been adjusted for the effects of the proforma level of revenues at the current statutory state and federal income tax rates of 7% and 36%, respectively.

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# BROOKSIDE SEWER DISTRICT Proposed Rate Schedule

#### 1. Monthly Charges

Residential - monthly charge per single-family house, condominium or mobile home:

\$ 23.63 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge:

\$ 23.63 per SFE\*

#### Charge for Sewage Collection Service Only

When sewage is collected by the Utility and transferred to a governmental body, agency, or other entity for treatment, the Utility's rates are as follows:

Residential - monthly charge per single-family house, condominium or mobile home:

\$ 16.82 per unit

Commercial - monthly charge:

\$ 16.82 per SFE\*

The Utility will also charge for treatment services provided by the governmental body, agency, or other entity. The rates imposed or charged by the governmental body, agency, or other entity providing treatment will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

#### 2. Nonrecurring Charges

a.) Tap Fee (new connections only)

\$ 400 per SFE\*

The full gross up will be added to the tap fee. This tap fee is a minimum charge and applies even if the equivalency rating of a non-residential customer is less than one. If the equivalency rating of a non-residential customer is greater than one, then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

b.) New Customer Account Charge

\$ 20

This is a one-time fee charged to each new account to defray the cost of initiating service.

c.) Reconnection fee (when service disconnected pursuant to Commission Rule 103-532.4:

\$250

<sup>\*</sup> A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loading for Wastewater Treatment--1990. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

### COLLECTION SERVICES ONLY

BROOKSIDE SEWER DISTRICT PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT TEST YEAR ENDED 12/31/94	EXPENSES PER BOOKS	ACTUAL PROFORMA ADJUSTMENTS	AS ADJUSTED	EFFECT OF PROPOSED NEW RATE	TOTAL APPLYING NEW RATE
REVENUES: Sewer Treatment Revenues				\$ 84,801	\$ 84,801
Total				\$ 84,801 ======	\$ 84,801 =======
EXPENSE: Transportation and Equipment Operation	\$ 5,768		\$ 5,768		\$ 5,768
Collection Lines Billing Maintenance/Repairs Other	1,270 1,381 970		1,270 1,381 970		1,270 1,381 970
Total Collection Lines	\$ 3,621		\$ 3,621		\$ 3,621
Plant Chemicals and other misc. Maintenance/Repair Testing Water Gas/Electricity					
Total Plant					
Salaries and Wages Pensions and Other Employment Benefits Dues and Subscriptions Insurance Licenses and Permits Postage and Delivery Accounting Regulatory Commission Expense Taxes	\$ 10 587 600 119 2,400	\$ 1,200 [1] 2,000 [2]	\$ 10 587 600 119 3,600 2,000		\$ 10 587 600 119 3,600 2,000
Property Taxes Income Taxes - State Income Taxes - Federal	\$ 135	\$	\$ 135	\$ 2,776 [7] 14,278 [8]	\$ 135 2,776 14,278
Total Taxes	\$ 135	\$	\$ 135	\$ 17,054	\$ 17,189
Utilities and Insurance - office Rent - Office		\$ 4,450 [5] 3,900 [6]	\$ 4,450 3,900	•	\$ 4,450 3,900
Total Operating Expense	\$ 13,240	\$ 11,550	\$ 24,790		\$ 41,844 =======
NET OPERATING INCOME BEFORE INTEREST	\$ (13,240) ======	\$ (11,550) ======	\$ (24,790) =====	\$ 67,747 =======	\$ 42,957 =======
OTHER INCOME: Interest Income	\$ 334		\$ 334		\$ 334
Total Other Income	\$ 334		\$ 334		\$ 334
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ (12,906) =======	\$ (11,550) ======	\$ (24,456) =======	\$ 67,747 =======	\$ 43,291 ======

# OPERATING MARGINS BROOKSIDE SEWER DISTRICT

#### Current:

	Operating Revenues	\$ 65,472
	Operating Expenses (adjusted)	\$ 58,412 \$ 7,060
	Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ 7,060
	Add: Customer Growth	<del>-0-</del>
	Total Income for Return (loss)	\$ 7,060
	Operating Margin	10.78%
Proposed - T	Freatment & Collection	
	Operating Revenues	\$119,406
	Operating Expenses (adjusted)	\$ 58,693
	Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ 60,713
	Add: Customer Growth	-0-
	Total Income for Return (loss)	\$ 60,713
	Operating Margin	50.85%
	oporating margin	30.0370
Proposed - C	Collection Services Only	•
	Operating Revenues	\$ 85,135
	Operating Expenses (adjusted)	<u>\$ 41,844</u>
	Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ 43,291
	Add: Customer Growth	-0-
	Total Income for Return (loss)	\$ 43,291
	Operating Margin	50.85%



PHONE: 803-439-4428
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SIWD WATER DISTRICT P.O. BOX 607 LYMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29365-0607

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#### **DUE UPON RECEIPT**

If payment is not in our office by 9/22/95, \$10.00 will be added to your bill and service disconnected.

John Miller 110 Wellington Road Wellford, S.C. 29385

#### DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT - BRING ENTIRE BILL IF PAYING IN PERSON

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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles W. Ballentine **South Carolina Public Service Commission** PO Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

RE:

Application of Brookside Sewer District for Increase of Rates and Charges

for Sewer Service and for Establishment of Collection Service-only Rate

Dear Mr. Ballentine:

In connection with the above referenced application for rate relief, I am filing the personal financial statement of Frank M. Nutt, the owner of Brookside Sewer District, along with an original and five (5) copies of "Item L - Statement of Total Plant Investment by Categories." Mr. Nutt's financial statement is submitted to satisfy "Item F. Balance Sheet," and "Item J. Filing or Upgrading Performance Bond." Because of the personal nature of this financial statement, the applicant requests that it be held in confidence by the Commission, and that the applicant be allowed to respond to any requests by parties outside of the Commission to review this document.

As a clarification to Item M of the September 6, 1995 Application, Brookside requests that the requirements for filing the most recent letters of approval from the Department of Health and Environmental Control be waived at this time. A satisfactory approval from the Department of Health and Environmental Control will be filed with the Commission prior to the hearing in this matter.

With these additions, Brookside requests that its Application for Rate Relief be accepted by the Commission and that this matter be noticed and set for hearing as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Jøhn F. Beach

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enclosure

Mr. Charles Creech, Mr. Bruce Hulion, Mr. Frank Nutt

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#### ITEM L - STATEMENT OF TOTAL PLANT INVESTMENT BY CATEGORIES

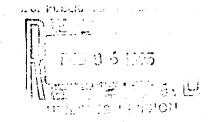
The Brookside Sewerage Treatment Plant was taken over by Brookside Sewer District from the original developer of Brookside Subdivision around 1983. Since the plant was taken over from the developer, Brookside had no initial capital investment.

The Brookside plant was built in three stages, the first of which was completed around 1972. At that time, the plant had a 15,000 gallon per day ("GPD") capacity. Around 1973 or 1974, the plant was expanded to 25,000 GPD. The plant was expanded again to 50,000 GPD, and then in 1981 or 1982, the plant was expanded to its current 80,000 GPD capacity. The developer's cost for the initial plant construction and subsequent expansions is not known to Brookside.

The Brookside plant is located on approximately one acre of land. It is a package treatment plant. Brookside is informed that similar package treatment plants in good working order sell for around \$3.00 per gallon of daily treatment capacity, if a willing and able buyer can be found.

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February 3, 1995

The Honorable Charles W. Ballentine Executive Director
South Carolina
Public Service Commission
PO Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Application of Brookside Sewer District for Rate

Dear Mr. Ballentine:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Brookside Sewer District to notify the Commission, pursuant to <u>S.C. Code Ann.</u>, §58-5-240(A), that Brookside Sewer District will be filing an application for new rate, toll, rental, charge or classification. This application will be filed with the Commission no less than 30 days from the date of this letter.

I encourage you to contact this office if any additional information is needed.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

John F. Beach

JFB/car cc: Mr. Frank Nutt Brookside\Ballentine.Ltr S. C. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMOSCON